



TUESDAY EVENING, NOV. 15, 1938.

ROSE PASTOR STOKES, who is engaged in the socialist propaganda in this country, says the world has never been riper for socialism and never has the capitalist classes feared the truth more. In every country of the world discontent is growing, according to this woman. Among other things she says:

This is the new rebellion—the rebellion that will be fought with the ballot, if possible, as is our right. It should be, but with the ballot if necessary. America is probably more ripe than any other country for the scientific socialist movement. There is De La Roca, imprisoned in Los Angeles; Fornaro under jail sentence in New York for speaking the truth about the czar of Mexico, and in Spokane there are hundreds imprisoned because of their love for liberty. Rebellion must be or slavery. The master classes of America cannot force the people, however, to violent action until every possible condition is right to aid in a complete victory for the working people. I cannot see that we can win by the ballot alone. I wish I could. But the federal courts are so blinded by capital that it is impossible for them to cope with present conditions.

A few days ago a London newspaper in referring to the growth of socialism compared present conditions with those which preceded the French revolution. The ideas of the political discontents at that time did not savor of blood. Their version was concealed until the king was dethroned when Girondists—or most of them—fused with the Jacobins. The world is confronted with socialism and anarchy. The advocates of the former now pose as conservatives, but what has been done before may be done again, and, according to Rose Pastor Stokes, socialism is likely to merge into anarchy should conditions become favorable.

SPEAKER CANNON, it is believed by many, is contributing more to his own defeat than is any other individual in the country. The men most intent upon demonstrating that the speaker is not only unfit to control legislation, but unfit for leadership in anything more than a besotted minority faction of reactionary obstructionists, never hoped for such assistance as is being given them by the speaker himself. The speaker's speech at Bloomington, Ill., while more extreme than any of his preceding utterances, was in entire harmony with his whole course of expression since Congress adjourned. Concerning Mr. Cannon the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia North American says: He has done nothing but abuse those who have opposed him, and has done this with a degree of violence that has cost him the friendship of many conservative and right-thinking men in and out of Congress. He has tried to make his own methods and policies the policies of the republican party, and has denied the party loyalty of every man who, from motives of honesty and decency, has turned from him in disgust. Mr. Cannon's abuse of his opponents would be a very small matter were it not for other discrediting circumstances connected with his present campaign. For the speaker has attempted to bolster up his cause by misrepresentations so extravagant and by falsehood so malicious and unscrupulous that even his friends find themselves powerless to defend him.

THERE is now every reason to believe that the worst is to be realized in connection with the mine horror in Illinois last Saturday. Dispatches from Cherry are to the effect that three hundred or more miners are dead in the St. Paul coal mine. Some of the bodies lie buried beneath thousands of tons of earth which caved in upon them, and it is doubtful whether many of the bodies can ever be recovered. Three hundred coffins have been ordered. The spectacle about the mouth of the wrecked mine at dusk yesterday was pathetic. As a result of the disaster there are in the town of Cherry at least 1,000 orphans and 200 widows.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, Nov. 16. Compelled, they assert, to disrobe and submit to a minute search by women detectives looking for the \$1,000 stolen from the desk of a money order official here recently, the feminine clerks in the postoffice are today arousing a storm of indignation throughout the government service. The facts in the case only became known today. The women clerks assert that they were taken into a large room, and there forced to disrobe completely before several searchers of their own sex, although, they assert, they could not possibly have had any connection with the theft, which committed in another part of the building. Postoffice officials, while admitting that a search was made, declare that the employees were not coerced nor did they suffer indignities in the search, and that it was made with all privacy. The \$1,000 theft is still unsolved. The money disappeared on November 8.

In one large cell, Capt. James F. Ship, former sheriff of Hamilton county, Tenn., and the five other Chattanooga men sentenced yesterday for contempt of the U. S. Supreme Court in conspiring to lynch the negro Ed Johnson after a stay had been granted by that tribunal, today began the second day of their imprisonment in the District of Columbia jail. Warden McKee intends giving the six men every comfort possible and permissible under the rules. The six

News of the Day.

The U. S. Supreme Court took a recess yesterday until November 29.

Striking employees may cause the A. R. Little Shoe Company to move from Lynn, Mass.

John R. Moffit, inventor of the threshing machine, died in Denver, Col. yesterday.

The probing of the sugar frauds has extended from New York to include Boston and Philadelphia.

Papers were signed in Montreal yesterday by which the Dominion Iron and Steel Company was merged into a \$50,000,000 corporation.

The rumor published yesterday that Maj. Sylvester, superintendent of the District of Columbia police, would resign, was denied by the mayor.

While it is yet impossible to give an accurate statement of the loss of life and damage to property as the result of the storm in Jamaica, it is variously estimated that about 50 persons were drowned by the floods and that the material damage will total not less than \$1,250,000.

In affirming the decision of the circuit court that the extradition proceedings on the part of Mississippi to secure the return from St. Louis, Mo., of A. Albert Marble, a negro, accused of murder, the U. S. Supreme Court in a decision rendered yesterday holds the proceedings legal and regular.

There is an intimation that President Taft has been considering the advisability of urging upon Congress a radical change in the form of government for the District of Columbia involving the substitution of a military engineer as governor in place of the present commission form of municipal government.

The fourth pair of twins have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bernard, of Middletown, N. J., who now have ten children, the oldest being 14 years of age. Three pairs of twins are living, one pair having died last spring. They were daughters, as are the two whom the stork has just brought to them.

In Toronto, yesterday the Federation of Labor declared war on the United States Steel Corporation by unanimously adopting the report favoring concurrence in the resolution to attempt the unionizing of all the corporations employees. An echo of the temperance meeting was found on the desk of every delegate in the shape of a leaflet attacking Rev. Charles Stieglitz of Philadelphia, a fraternal delegate who got up the temperance resolutions.

The recent treaties entered into by China and Japan as to the operation of coal mines along the South Manchurian Railway and the Antung-Mukden Railway do not create monopolies and hence are not violations of the "open door" or the "equal opportunity" principles, to the governance of which all leading powers are pledged. This is the conclusion reached by the State Department after a long and careful investigation of the question involved.

Rose Pastor Stokes, who is a cigar worker in Cleveland, Ohio, before she married J. G. Phelps Stokes, of New York, and who with her husband are working hard to advance the principles of socialism, charges that August Belmont, the American representative of the Rothschilds billions, has contributed fifteen thousand dollars to fight socialism, while, she avers, the National Manufacturers Association is considering spending five million for the same purpose.

THE STATE'S ACCOUNTS.

The report of the special committee appointed to audit the accounts of state officials, in pursuance of an act of the last legislature, is in the hands of the governor. The work was in charge of former Mayor Carlton McCarthy of Richmond. There is nothing sensational in the report. Many recommendations are made for change in system and for laws that will have to be considered by the next legislature.

A recommendation is made for the appointment of a force to examine the books at the capital and to "scour the state with legislative energy and to inquire into every detail affecting the state's interests in every city, town and county of the commonwealth."

In substance the report urges the creation of a State Department of auditing. The office of the first auditor, Colonel Mayne, who was under fire by the republicans in the recent campaign, is spoken of in the report in the highest terms. It declares that the work of this department will compare with that of any other state.

The office of the second auditor, Judge Dew, comes in for a statement that it needs "a thoroughly competent technical accountant." It is stated that Judge Dew is not to blame for this, as he has himself repeatedly called attention to such need.

The report recommends a revision of the law of road improvement. It recommends that bonds deposited with the treasurer should be registered, especially those by insurance companies.

Changes are recommended in the law relating to fertilizer tags. The Public Printer is advised to annually inventory all State publications.

It recommends that funds handled in connection with the Department of Education be accounted for in books employing double entry system.

A few pointed paragraphs appear in the report as to the present loose system whereby State boards can handle funds of their respective institutions without the supervision of the auditor. An amendment to the law will be necessary to do this. The members of the board are not criticized, as they are merely following the status quo.

It recommends that the fiscal year and the appropriation year be made coeval and coextensive.

Masonic Temple Dedicated.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 16.—To take the place of two former homes which were destroyed in disastrous fires in Baltimore, there was dedicated today one of the most modern and beautiful Masonic temples in America. The dedication brought together the greatest gathering of Master Masons ever seen in the State. Twenty-five grand masters and 1,000 grand past-masters of 30 states participated. The oration was delivered by Judge George B. Orady, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Dinner will be served to 1,200 guests tonight in the temple.

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LABOR LEADER'S REQUEST DENIED.

The District Court of Appeals yesterday denied the request of Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, made through Attorney Ralston, for a postponement of 60 days before entering a mandate against the labor leaders who are under jail sentence for alleged contempt of court.

The request was made yesterday morning on the grounds that counsel for the labor leaders desired to consult with their clients regarding the methods of seeking a review by the United States Supreme Court of the affirmative opinion handed down by Justices Robb and Van Orsdel in the appeal taken from the decision of Justice Daniel Thew Wright, of the District Supreme Court, sentencing Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison to 12, 9 and 6 months' imprisonment, respectively.

Attorney J. J. Darlington, on behalf of the Backs Store and Range Company, the publication of whose names on the unfair list of the Federalist constituted the alleged contempt, objected to the allowance of 60 days, but agreed to an extension of 15 days.

Justices Robb and Van Orsdel, however, in ruling upon the application, held that the matter was no longer one between individual parties, but was one between the United States courts and individuals, and that there was no reason why any extension should be granted. They therefore ordered the mandate to issue in due course.

While in accordance with his colleagues generally, Chief Justice Seth Shepard, who, in the case of the appeal from the civil action which resulted in Justice Gould's granting an injunction against the labor leaders and also in the contempt case which resulted from a disregard of the injunction, handed down dissenting opinions today, holding that while no extension should be granted, he favored the allowance of two weeks, inasmuch as the Backs Store and Range Company's attorneys had agreed to such action.

In reply to a telegram from the labor leaders, who are at Toronto, asking when they should put in an appearance to save bail bonds, Mr. Ralston wired that, owing to the fact that Saturday is a half-holiday, their appearance on Monday would suffice.

It is expected that counsel then will sue out a writ of habeas corpus, which can be carried to the United States Supreme Court, where the constitutional question as to whether or not the original degree interferes with the right of freedom of speech will be passed upon.

Just as the convention of the American Federation of Labor was about to adjourn at Toronto, for the day, a telegram was received from Washington announcing that the stay asked by the attorneys for president Gompers, Vice President Mitchell, and Secretary Morrison, in the proceedings against them for contempt of court, had been denied by the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia. President Gompers was plainly surprised, and as he read the message to the convention the delegates sat in silence as though dazed by the court's action.

"That means that the resources of the lawyers have been exhausted, doesn't it?" asked one of the delegates.

"The chair is not in a position to state," replied President Gompers. Then as he read the message stating "the mandate goes down Saturday morning," the faces of himself and his fellow officers betrayed anxiety.

A telegram signed by the three defendants was at once dispatched to their counsel in Washington asking when it would be necessary for them to put in an appearance to avoid forfeiting their bail bonds, which amount to \$12,000, and saying that they would like to return to Toronto until the close of the convention, Saturday evening.

"I am not certain whether, under the law of the District of Columbia, we can appeal," said Mr. Gompers after adjournment. "But if we do, the convention must stay here and carry on its proceedings in a dignified and orderly manner."

"We'll charter a train and all go down with you," volunteered one of the delegates. "And even the seeders will join you," added J. J. Reid, president of the seceding faction of the electrical workers.

The suggestion that the convention be adjourned to Washington in the event of the departure of Gompers, Mitchell, and Morrison was taken as a joke by many of the delegates, and it was said a resolution to that effect might be prepared.

NO ONE TO BLAME.

Holding no one criminally responsible for the death of Archer Christian, half-back of the University of Virginia football team, who died in a Washington hospital Sunday morning of injuries received in the Virginia Georgetown game Saturday afternoon, but declaring that the handling of the situation following the accident by the police made them subject to severe criticism, the coroner's jury last night rendered a verdict in which it was recommended to the commissioners that the police regulations be so revised as to give members of the police department more specific instructions regarding the handling of casualty cases.

The verdict was as follows: We find that Archer Christian died at the Georgetown University Hospital, November 14, of injuries accidentally received in a football game, and that no one can be held criminally responsible for his death.

We regret that the handling of the situation by the police appears from the evidence to be open to serious criticism, though in no way contributing, directly or indirectly, to the death of said Christian.

We recommend to the District commissioners that not only a careful revision of the rules governing the conduct of the police in casualty cases be made, but that the members of the force be required to have a clear knowledge of them.

THE KIND MUSICIANS BUY. Some people are satisfied with a very ordinary piano, because their players are not able to draw out the finest shades of expression even if the piano is capable of it. The real pianist, however, sees the wisdom of paying for a fine Weaver Piano, because it is capable of giving expression to the finest emotions of the professional performer.

WEAVER ORGAN & PIANO CO., Manufacturers, York, Pa. W. I. Whitson, Sole Agent, 611-613 King Street, Alexandria.

Today's Telegraphic News

War Against the Sugar Trust. New York, Nov. 16.—When President Taft and the cabinet in Washington today took up for discussion the proposition of how to crush the sugar trust, Attorney-General Wickham presented a report compiled by Henry L. Stimson, special acting deputy attorney-general, setting forth the crimes he expects to prove the combination guilty of. It is understood that this report declares that the American Sugar Refining Company crushed its rivals by sheer weight of money; that it corrupted government inspectors without limit; bribed employees of opposition companies to report the details of their employers' business so that the trust could underbid them and thus force them into bankruptcy; contributed to the campaign funds of all parties prior to the last presidential campaign so that national chairmen and committees were under obligations, and finally by means of a secret understanding with the Speakeasies interests of California apportioned the sugar trade of the country so that the independent trade has been wiped out with two exceptions and they of an immaterial character.

But—and here is the real reason why the cabinet discussed the matter—most of this alleged law breaking is covered by the statute of limitations. There is plenty of proof of guilt up to the time that Henry O. Havemeyer died in 1907, but since that time the proofs which would convict are scarce. "There is plenty of moral proof of guilt since that time," Stimson is reported to have declared, "but very little that could be considered legal or which would be admitted at a criminal trial."

And this is what the cabinet must decide. It must go over the evidence that Stimson and his agents have secured and then must decide what form of prosecution will be likely to result in real punishment for the men responsible.

New York, Nov. 16.—J. R. Benders, former general superintendent of the Brooklyn warehouses and docks of the American Sugar Refining Company; Oliver Spitzer, dock superintendent, and five of the trust weighers were arraigned before Federal Judge Hough today and pleaded not guilty. Benders was released in bonds of \$5,000, while the bonds of the others were continued. The defendants were given one week to make any motions, change pleas or file such defenses as their attorneys see fit. Notice was given yesterday to Attorney General Stimson that the attorneys for the defendants that they would resist his efforts to have the trials begin on November 29th before Federal Justice Martin who has agreed to hear the cases.

Stimson opposed any delay, declaring the attorneys had been through two civil suits in which all the evidence was brought out and they were perfectly familiar with it. He said that an adjournment would mean loss of pass on the motion for postponement, declaring that was a matter for the trial judge to decide. He also refused to pass on the motion to force the government to elect what specific indictments they would try.

London, Nov. 16.—Lord Leighton, conservative leader in the House of Lords today exploded a bomb in the complicated budget situation by announcing that when the peers take up the measure for debate on Monday he will move that the House of Lords refuse to pass the budget before an election is held. This would be the defeat of the peers as the immediate beginning of the battle to abolish the House of Lords.

This will be the first time in the history of England that the peers have presumed to interfere with the revenue raising power which is an exclusive prerogative of the House of Commons. The liberals will at once go to the polls upon that issue, trusting to returning a liberal government by such a majority as will insure the downfall of the peers as a legislative body.

Injured at a Fire. New York, Nov. 16.—By firing many shots into the air and threatening to shoot the first man or woman who jumped, the New York police today adopted a novel method of saving life. Despite the startling methods, two persons were fatally injured, a third is missing and a fourth seriously cut by flying glass while seven were overcome by smoke in a fire in a four-story tenement house in Brooklyn.

A score of families lived in the double tenement. When the smoke began to spread through the house, they rushed to the windows. One woman, holding her baby in her arms, leaped. Others prepared to follow her example. The police drew their revolvers and threatened to shoot any one who jumped, holding the panic-stricken people in the burning building until firemen raised ladders.

The Illinois Mine Horror. Cherry, Ill., Nov. 16.—With what little hope remains of saving the lives of the several hundred miners entombed in the burning St. Paul mine blasted by the hermetical sealing of all the shafts the officials in charge of all the efforts to penetrate the depths, as miners declare that no man can go into the underground passages now and live. The officials today took a roll call of the dead and living miners determine exactly the number of men in the mine. They asserted that not more than 275 men are still in the mine.

Anxiety for Col. Astor's Yacht. New York, Nov. 16.—Friends of Col. John Jacob Astor are somewhat alarmed because of the absence of news of the Astor yacht Nourmahal, which with Col. Astor and his son Vincent aboard has been cruising in the West Indies for some time. The yacht left Port Antonio over a week ago, and it is believed was at sea during the West Indian hurricane.

Twelve Persons Buried Alive. Wisconsin-Salem, N. O., Nov. 16.—Twelve Italians and negroes in the employ of B. J. Collier & Company, Cleveland contractors, who are building a concrete abutment for a steel trestle across Salem creek were entombed by a gravel slide today and all are believed to be dead. Up to noon five bodies had been recovered.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company announced in Boston today that it has obtained control of a substantial minority interest in shares of Western Union Telegraph Company. It is said that the shares purchased were those held by Geo. J. Gould.

The American Federation of Labor.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 16.—The American Federation of Labor convention was decidedly "up in the air" when today's session was called to order. The fate of President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison was the subject of conjecture on every hand and the absence of definite word from Washington tended to make the situation actually chaotic.

The entire convention is stirred with resentment and even the most conservative leaders confess that if the officers are sent to prison the socialist wing of the American Federation of Labor will receive an tremendous impetus.

The convention endorsed the strike of the 9,000 seamen on the Great Lakes the endorsement carrying with it financial aid.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The striking street car employees at Bordeaux, France, today resorted to violent measures in their fight to prevent the running of cars with non-union crews.

The New York World this afternoon declares that Speaker Cannon, angered by the charges of Congressman Pearson that he was aided by Tammany Hall in return for up-state republican assistance in struggling honest election bills aimed at Tammany is preparing to have the sugar trust investigated by Congress.

Dependent over the death of his son and eleven of his employees who perished a week ago in the fire which destroyed his celluloid factory in Brooklyn, Robert Morris, 49 years old, today ended his life by inhaling gas. Morris was badly burned in the fatal fire and had been released from the hospital yesterday.

The condition of John G. Carlisle, former cabinet officer and United States Senator from Kentucky who is very seriously ill in St. Vincent Hospital, New York, with intestinal obstruction and kidney disease, was reported not so good today. He was weaker than yesterday.

Virginia News.

Mrs. Pembroke D. Gwaltney, wife of the "Peanut King," died at Smithfield, yesterday.

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to John Carroll and Mary C. Risen, both of Prince William county.

Among those who have just passed the bar examination before the Court of Appeals are J. W. Ballard, of Fairfax, and E. B. Hutchison, of Herndon.

Members of the state corporation commission will attend the sessions of the National Association of Railway Commissioners in Washington, this week.

Work was resumed yesterday on the Southern tunnel, at Lynchburg, a large force of men being put to work by the new sub-contractor, J. W. Stone & Co. A force of 100 negroes has been imported, and in a day or two there will be more men on the contract than ever before.

Speedy justice was meted out yesterday in Staunton to Clifton Breckenridge, a negro, charged with attempted criminal assault upon six-year-old Dorothy Powell, when he was indicted, tried and sentenced to die December 17, in less than two hours' time yesterday morning a special grand jury was summoned and the negro was indicted. When the trial began the courtroom was cleared of everyone but the attorneys, officers and reporters. It took just 1 hour and 40 minutes to argue the case, examine witnesses and pronounce sentence. The jury was out only 12 minutes. There was some talk of violence last night, but no serious trouble is expected.

In the circuit court for Fairfax county Lincoln Campbell, colored, was yesterday found guilty of burning her child with lye and was sentenced to serve nine months in jail.

A new union station is to be built at Harrisonburg.

AGAINST FOOTBALL.

It seems probable that the next legislature, which meets in January, will take some action putting rigid restrictions on football, if not altogether forbidding the sport in Virginia. Prison-fighting has not carried away half as many victims, and about the only thing to its discredit over football is alleged to be that it is the sport of "brutes" while football is a game for gentlemen.

The question that is being raised is whether gentlemen should have any more right to break each other's necks in a game of skill than have "brutes" to merely punch one another in the face. Also it is said that it is more desirable to keep the gentlemanly college man in existence than the prize-fighter.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SHOWS INCREASES. The annual report of the Southern Railway, just made public, shows a net revenue for the year of \$16,726,089, which is an increase of \$3,647,832 over the revenue of 1937.

Gross operating expenses for the year were \$5,568,930, a decrease of \$4,285,741 from those of the twelve months preceding.

The ratio of expenses to income was reduced from 74.79 in 1937 to 69.16 in 1938. In other words, while the revenues increased 1.18 per cent during the year, expenses were reduced 7.80 per cent, the expenditure of only a fraction more than 69 cents being now required to earn one dollar.

NO SHAFT AT "BLOODY ANGLE"

Virginia has been denied permission to erect a monument at "Bloody Angle," Gettysburg, according to a statement given out by Governor Swanson and Col. Thomas Smith, of Warrenton, two members of the Virginia Gettysburg Monument Commission, who returned from Washington to Richmond yesterday.

The commissioners saw Secretary Dickinson and members of the Gettysburg commission. The Virginians were informed that the policy was to keep the point selected by the Virginia commission free from all monuments. Consequently the commission will have to call another meeting and select a new site for the monument.

Goodyear Gold Seal Rubber Boots and Shoes can be had at 422 King street. J. A. Marshall & Bro.

MEETING-IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE

The annual meeting of the CIVIC IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE will be held on FRIDAY evening, the 25th, at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, at 8 o'clock. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at this meeting.

J. Y. WILLIAMS, Secretary. E. S. LEADBEATER, President, nov16 totd

Can you believe your senses? When two of them, taste and smell, having been impaired if not utterly destroyed, by nasal catarrh, are fully restored by Ely's Cream Balm, can you doubt that this remedy deserves all that has been said of it by the thousands who have used it? It is applied directly to the affected air-passages and begins its healing work at once. What a relief it today! All druggists or mailed to Ely Bros., 60 Warren street, New York, on receipt of 60 cents.

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THE METHODISTS.

Football as it is played in the colleges of the United States was, by resolution, bitterly denounced yesterday by the Virginia Annual Conference of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church in session in Newport News.

The conference unanimously adopted a resolution solemnly protesting against the brutality of the game and urging the faculties of all institutions of learning to use their best efforts to have the game so changed as to eliminate the rough and dangerous tactics. The resolution also advises the members of the Methodist churches of Virginia against "encouraging the game as now played by their presence on the field."

Rev. James Cannon, jr., offered a resolution providing that no assessment shall be made by the conference for any school unless the title is vested in the church as far as the laws of the states will permit, and of which the trustees are either clerical or lay delegates. This resolution was adopted.

Dr. Cannon introduced another providing that if the trustees of Hampden-Sydney College will agree to a trust clause setting forth that the college is held in trust for the church and that three-fourths of the trustees shall be lay or clerical members of the church, the conference will withdraw its request of November 11, which was that the conference be given the right of confirming the election of trustees of the college. This resolution also was adopted, and the committee, of which Dr. Cannon is chairman, was given full authority to appear before the corporation commission in the matter of securing an amendment to the charter of Hampden-Sydney.

As had been predicted, the memorial providing for the division of the Virginia Conference was unanimously voted down.

A memorial asking for the right to drop preachers who fail to pay their dues was reported unfavorably, and the report was adopted.

Conference will adjourn today.

THE R. F. AND P. R. RAILWAY.

William H. White was re-elected president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway Company at the annual meeting of that corporation in Richmond yesterday. George W. Stevens, Alexander Hamilton, Fairfax Harrison and L. G. Haas were elected directors. Mr. Haas succeeding Mr. W. A. Garrett, of Baltimore, resigned.

The seventy-seventh annual report of the railway showed that in the year operating expenses were cut approximately 10 per cent. Freight receipts for the year amounted to \$1,110,551.28, the total number of tons hauled being 1,635, 132. Passengers, mail and other revenue aggregated \$915,773.30. The total revenue from all sources was \$2,026,324.58, which is an increase over the revenue of 1937 of \$23,210.28.

Total operating expenses were \$1,297, 686.69, showing a decrease from the operating expenses of 1937 of \$129,136.55. Fixed charges and general betterments aggregating \$172,013.60, deducted from the total income, leaves a net income of \$556,624.29. Special improvements for the year consumed \$120,000 of the whole dividends called for \$225,000. The special contingent fund \$21,000 was carried, leaving a surplus of \$90,580.29.

[COMMUNICATED.]

TO PAY THE PENALTY. In less than seventy hours after this paper went to press today, unless there is intervention by the governor, Calvin Johnson, one of the three convicted of the murder of Walter F. Schultz, will be electrocuted in the Virginia penitentiary. The crime was one of the most diabolical ever committed in this section of the country—brutal in the extreme. According to the only evidence adduced, and that upon which conviction was obtained, there were four actors in this horrible drama, but it seems that the curtain will fall and only three will die as a result of this heinous deed. The other will be left perhaps to either enjoy permanent freedom or receive a sentence which is much preferable to death.

This "innocent" who was "forced" by Pless, Dorsey and Johnson to be an unwilling witness and participant in this murder, it will be understood, did not give this evidence until the officers were hot on his trail and had him cornered. He is believed, by many, to be the only one connected with the deed. Human life is precious, whether in the frame of white or colored, and no greater crime can be committed than the electrocution of those who are innocent. No one, but the Creator, knows the truth that lies buried concerning this crime. It will never be gotten from this thief, highwayman, deceiver of the morals of the innocent, who has served two terms in the penitentiaries and he knows another sentence in this state means life behind the bars, no matter if the jury here gives him one or ten years. He knows it is his sin; but life is so sweet to him it is natural for him to want to live, and a man with a conscience like Smith, would sacrifice a dozen lives to save his own. This is not the time to make reputation for lawyers when human existence is at stake, but a time when discretion should be the better part of valor. No one, with a scintilla of common sense, wants a criminal protected; but every one wants the culprit—not three, but four, if there be four—brought to judgment and the demand made of them, "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." Let them go to the electric chair together, marching to the same tune they did the night the murder was committed—all profiteers, share and share alike, in the plunder. It is to be hoped that Governor Swanson, in whose hands the existence of these men remains, can see his way clear to let them live until they hear the verdict passed upon a dyed-in-the-wool criminal who is believed to be the originator and sole perpetrator of this brutal crime.

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